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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI Plans
VIA: FI/Plans & Projects
SUBJECT: Extension of Project AECARRERA

1. Project AECARRERA is presently approved for the period 1 April 1955 through 31 March 1956. Renewal of Project AECARRERA for the period 1 April 1956 through 30 June 1956 is hereby submitted for approval. As ATTACHMENT A indicates, BOB has requested Headquarters to extend the AECARRERA Project in its presently approved operational and fiscal framework to carry the project through the balance of the fiscal year 1956. The Field estimates that AECARRERA operations will require \$4,000.00 for the period 1 April through 30 June. This does not exceed the present rate of expenditures under the existing project authority.

2. While Project AECARRERA utilizes AEVIRGIL cover for its operations and while AECARRERA FI activities are kept separate from AEVIRGIL activities, there is a mutual financial relationship between the projects from the BOB administrative standpoint. Administrative and operational planning for both projects would be greatly facilitated if both projects had the same approval periods. AEVIRGIL, a SR PP Subsidy project is currently operating on an approval period that is coincidental with the fiscal year. Extension of Project AECARRERA for the requested period will place AECARRERA on the same approval period basis as Project AEVIRGIL.

3. The operational potential of Project AECARRERA has been considerably enhanced by the acquisition of the necessary physical facilities and personnel assets as authorized under its present project outline and subsequent amendments. Current leaflet distribution operations of the AEVIRGIL/AECACOTOL complex in the East Zone now average $2\frac{1}{2}$ million units per month. These leaflets serve as an excellent advertising medium for AECARRERA since the AECARRERA address is listed on all these leaflets. For the period April 1955 through November 1955, 724 visitors came to the AECARRERA offices. On the basis of leads from these visitors, the AECARRERA staff sent out a total of 273 letters to East Zone residents. The AECARRERA office distributed 54,150 leaflets, and 1185 pamphlets, brochures, journals, books, etc., through its visitors. The expanded operational framework also allows AECARRERA to exploit those refugee leads with contacts to Russians which BOB would not ordinarily handle. AECARRERA is currently developing direct contact with Soviets in AECARRERA cases 85, 87, 89, 91, 97, and 107.

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4. It is recommended that approval be granted to the request to extend the Project through Fiscal Year 1956 in the amount of \$4,000,000 with the understanding that in the future the project will be submitted for approval for a one year period beginning 1 July 1956.

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Chief, SR3

CONCUR

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CHIEF, CI PLANS
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